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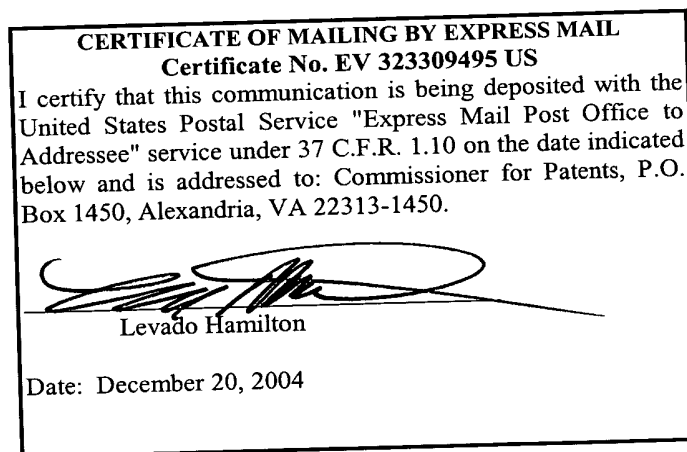
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Francis Hsieh et al.  
Serial No.: 09/901,402  
Filing Date: July 9, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2661  
Examiner: Ricardo M. Pizarro  
Title: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE DISTRIBUTED  
NETWORK AND METHOD

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:



**Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the objection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.